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VACCINE COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS USEFUL IN

INDUCING IMMUNE PROTECTION AGAINST ARTHRITOGENIC PEPTIDES INVOLVED IN THE PATHOGENESIS OF RHEUMATOID

ARTHRITIS

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

## RESPONSE

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed July 2, 2003 (no listed Paper No.), entry of the amendments and reconsideration of the application in view of the following remarks are respectfully requested.

CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 CFR §1.8

I hereby cartify that the documents referred to as enclosed herein are being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail on December 2, 2003, in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

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